den of dealing with rent litigations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court has recommended the setting up of a National Rent Tribunal with branches in all the States; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to implement this recommendation of the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) The Supreme Court has, in a judgement recently delivered on 2-9-1987, observed that the Supreme Court and that High Court should be relieved of the heavy burden of rent litigations and the idea of a National Rent Tribunal on an All India basis with quicker procedure should be examined.

(c) Government will examine the matter in the context of the observations of the Supreme Court.

Coverage of 'Sati' incident by A.I.R./ Doordarshan

*411. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Radio and Doordarshan gave the 'Sati' incident at Deorala in Rajasthan, proper coverage after a lapse of nearly three weeks; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government have framed any guidelines for broadcast and telecast of social events; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The 'Sati Daha' (Widow Burning) incident at Deorala, Rajasthan took place on 4-9-87 and was noticed in the news bulletins by All India Radio on 18-9-87 and Doordarshan on 19-9-87. The incident was not covered immediately as there were conflicting reports in the Press. When the State Government took cognizance of the incident and took certain measures and ordered an inquiry it was widely noticed in the news bulletins. Doordarshan also telecast a special programme titled 'Deorala Me Deh Dahan', in the 'focus' programme.

2. Detailed news policy guidelines have been framed which *inter-alia* require that the broadcast news should satisfy the highest criteria of accuracy and responsibility. All India Radio and Doordarshan have to depend upon verifiable sources for covering news.

Violation of building bye-laws

*412. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New Delhi Municipal Committee has started an action programme against those commercial builders who have violated building bye-laws during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details of those who have violated building bye-laws; and

(c) what action has been taken against each of them?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list of multi-storeyed buildings where unauthorised construction/ encroachment/misuse have been noticed is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(c) Notices have been served on all the defaulters to remove the unauthorised construction/encroachment and misuse, failing which necessary action as per law will be taken.